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### LETTER RESCINDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

A Notice of Abandonment, Form PTO-1432, was mailed on December 1, 2001 in patent application Serial Number 09/272,417. The Notice of Abandonment alleged that applicant failed to file a timely complete response to the Final Rejection on April 24, 2001.

A timely response to the Office letter in question, filed on December 4, 2001 (with a certificate of mailing date of October 23, 2001) has now been received in Technology Center 3700 and associated with the application file. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby **RESCINDED**. The application is forwarded to the examiner of record for action on the timely filed response.

Any inconvenience occasioned by the delay in associating the response with the application file is regretted.

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